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## Recommendation for Council Action

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Meeting Date:	8/2/2012	Department:	Health and Human Services
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## Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of Interlocal Agreements with the following nine school districts to authorize the City's Health and Human Services Department to use space at specific schools for public health immunizations { or prophylaxis} in the event of a health emergency: Austin, Del Valle, Eanes, Leander, Lago Vista, Lake Travis, Manor, Pflugerville, and Round Rock. Each agreement will be for a term of one year, to be effective on September 1, 2012, with up to 4 one-year renewal options.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Cost incurring operations related to this agreement would occur only during a public health emergency. Operations under this agreement would be eligible for federal reimbursement.

## Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. No fiscal note is required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

## Additional Backup Information

HHSD seeks Interlocal Agreements in order to secure locations throughout Travis County for the dispensing of emergency medication to the general public in the event of a public health emergency. In the wake of the 2001 Anthrax attacks, the Center for Disease Control began funding state and local health departments to enhance public health preparedness at the local level. The City of Austin Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) has had a dedicated unit operating under what is now the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) funding stream since 2004. The unit's initial deliverables included the enhancement of local epidemiologic and disease surveillance capabilities and the development of a series of emergency response plans specific to biological events. These plans include the City's Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Plan. PHEP funding requires HHSD to continuously maintain the SNS Plan and all related agreements, including Interlocal Agreements.

The SNS is a federally maintained stockpile of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies that local jurisdictions may request in the event of an overwhelming health or medical emergency. The SNS includes antibiotics and antivirals that

may be used to prophylax a population against an imminent biological threat. Local jurisdictions that request SNS pharmaceuticals are responsible for their timely distribution to the general public at Points of Distribution sites (PODs) throughout the community. Partnering with school districts for the use of school facilities as PODs is a national best practice. From 2005-2009, HHSD maintained agreements with Austin, Del Valle, Eanes, Leander, Lago Vista, Lake Travis, Manor, Pflugerville, and Round Rock independent school districts for the use of their facilities during a public health emergency response. These agreements are a key component of public health preparedness as a pre-requisite for federal reimbursement of emergency response expenditures.